REMARKS

The present paper is presented accompanying a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT Application No. PCT/EP2004/011228. The aforementioned PCT application was filed October 7, 2004, claiming benefit of priority of Italian Patent Application No. MI2003 A 001941, which was filed October 9, 2003. The foregoing amendment is presented to perfect the above priority claim in the specification.

The present paper presents an amendment to the specification in order to perfect the priority claim of the instant application and to provide an Abstract in compliance with the requirements of the format of a U.S. application.

The above amendment to the claims also is presented in order to place the claims in conformance with U.S. practice by removing improper multiple dependencies and removing non-statutory "use" claims. New claims 21-26 are presented to properly claim subject matter that was encompassed by the improper claim format.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if there are any questions with respect to this submission.

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